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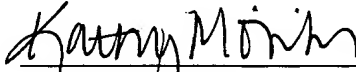
In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2002, Applicant elects prosecution of claims 1-29 drawn to a latching system.

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